

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 8, as follows:

In the present invention, the nonionic emulsifier having the formula (1) preferably comprises a plurality of nonionic emulsifiers having HLB values being apart preferably by at least 2, particularly preferably by from 2.5 to 5, from one another. It is particularly preferred to use a nonionic emulsifier having a HLB value of at least 9 and less than 16, preferably from 11 to 15.5 (hereinafter referred to as the nonionic emulsifier A) and a nonionic emulsifier having a HLB value of at least 16, preferably at least 17 and having no aromatic ring (hereinafter referred to as the nonionic emulsifier B) in combination. The above nonionic emulsifier B is used to stabilize the polymerization behavior of the polychloroprene latex. The nonionic emulsifier B has a structure having no aromatic ring, and at least one type may be selected for use among polyoxyethylene derivatives such as a polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether, a polyoxyalkylene alkylallyl ether, a polyoxyalkylene sorbitan ether and a polyoxyethylene ester ~~castor~~ castor oil ether, sorbitan fatty acid esters such as sorbitan monostearate, sorbitan monolaurylate and sorbitan ~~monopalmitate~~ monopalmitate, fatty acid esters of glycerol such as glycerol monostearate and glycerol monooleate, and aliphatic alkanolamines.